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Standard celebration

Childcare debate

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Childcare services will not be included as a discretionary use in the Highway Commercial District in Strathmore.

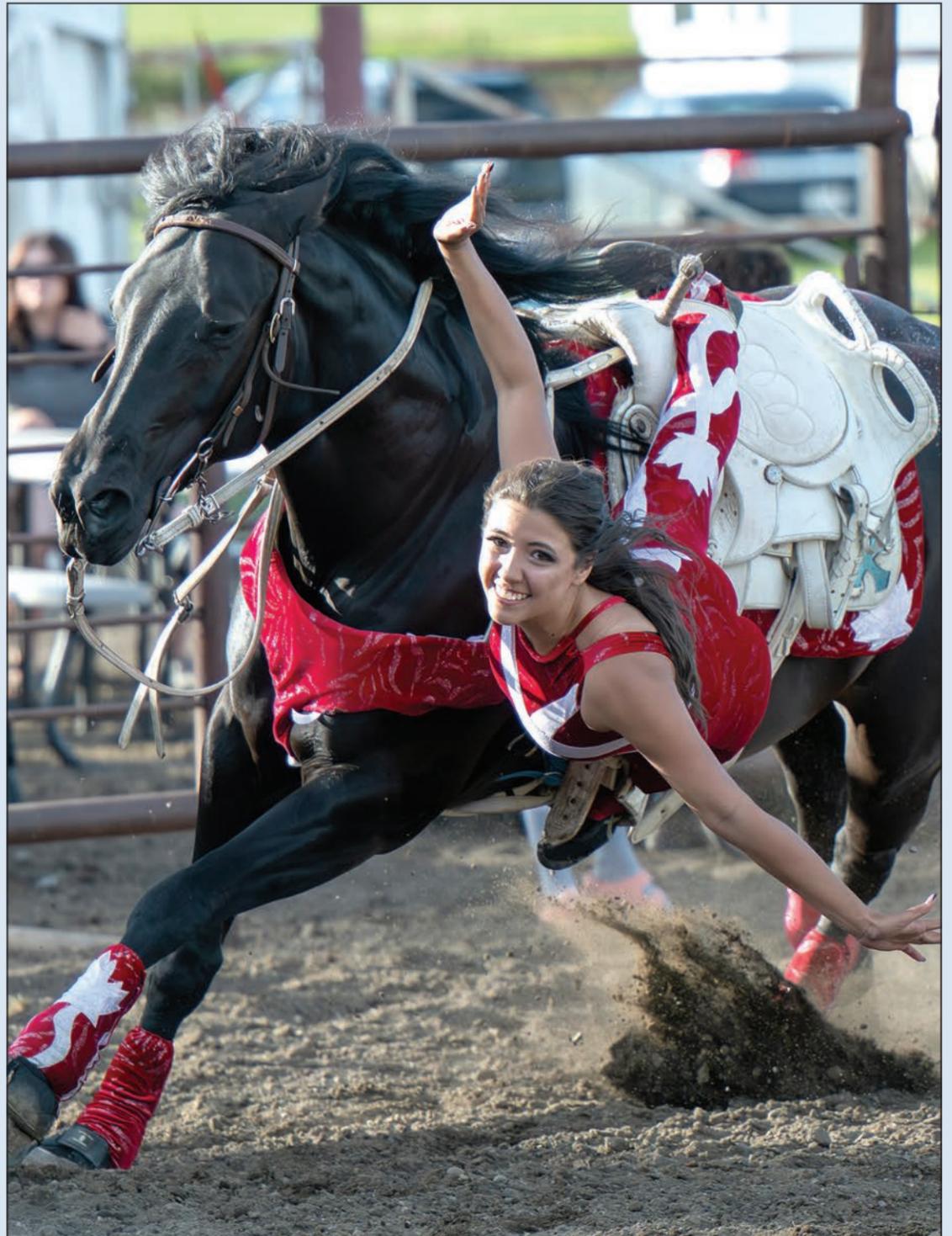
Town of Strathmore council voted to defeat the motion during the July 2 regular meeting of council, following a public hearing to discuss the topic.

Council had directed administration to prepare an amendment to the land use bylaw in to include childcare services as a discretionary use within the Highway Commercial District.

This contingency, should it have been approved, would have allowed for development and operation of childcare facilities in designated areas on a discretionary, case by case basis.

“The land use bylaw is a planning tool used to regulate the use of land and buildings. It is not at all to regulate businesses ... unlike permitted use, discretionary uses are not guaranteed approval, even if they are listed in the land use bylaw,” explained Kate Bakun, planner with the Town of Strathmore. “Approval depends on a variety of site-specific factors. Whenever a development permit for a discretionary use is approved, adjacent landowners are notified. A notice of decision may be posted, and the public has 21 days to appeal to the subdivision and development appeal board.”

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Tricky time

Local trick rider Gracie Piper wows the crowd during the Rockyford Bull-a-rama on June 30 at the Rockyford Rodeo Arena. Besides the daring tricks and heart stopping bull rides, the event featured mutton bustin, wild ponies and a Canada Day Fireworks. See Page 5 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Strathmore's Sacred Heart Church hosted their 8th annual golf tournament fundraiser on July 5 at the Strathmore Golf Club. Each participant received 18 holes of golf, a gift bag, a delicious dinner, prizes, raffle draw and 50/50 draw, which was valued at over \$6,000 for the winner.

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Impressive vehicles

Zegil Automotive & Transmission, along with Pure Country Meats hosted their fifth annual Car Show on July 5 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. The free event also featured raffles, door prizes, a cornhole tournament, dog adoption and plenty of awards.

Joe Lepage Photos

Town repeals code of conduct policy bylaw by provincial mandate

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Municipalities across Alberta will no longer investigate themselves when instances of code of conduct violation complaints occur amongst local council members.

The Town of Strathmore voted to repeal their local code of conduct bylaw during the June 18 regular meeting of council.

“We have yet to see how it is going to roll out, what it is going to be like, how effective it will be, how responsive or nimble it will be if we do have council problems,” said Mayor Pat Fule. “I think I understand the rationale for switching. I have been talking to one of the ministers; there was definitely some concern that there have been some problems on councils throughout Alberta and that it has become unworkable or almost unmanageable.”

The province’s Bill 50 amends the Municipal Government Act. The amendments give the province power to establish procedures for councils and council committee meetings and amend those procedures by ministerial order.

It is also specified the Regulations Act does not apply to orders made under the amended MGA.

Municipal councils are not able to make bylaws or resolutions under the MGA which address the behaviour or conduct of councillors, or of members of council committees who are not councillors.

“The thing that was said to me was that they were worried that some councils have been weaponizing the code of conduct and that can be a problem as well,” said Fule. “It can be difficult for a council to discipline itself when things arise. There can be a lot of conflict. You are supposed to be working together and then suddenly you may have to put forward a motion to censure or discipline and then there are times when you have to bring in an investigator and that can be expensive and that is all on taxpayer money.”

He added Strathmore council is, at the moment, waiting to see how effective the new legislation will be to have outside persons and bodies taking responsibility for investigations of councillor conduct, and instilling potential consequences for code of conduct breaches.

Fule explained communication with the province was minimal prior to the passing of the legislation. Much of the relevant information, details, and rationale were explained to the town after the fact.

“One of the benefits could be that councils do not have to investigate themselves and there can be that animosity during a council investigation and then people are also supposed to work together professionally. People are human, feelings get hurt and emotions can get raw,” he said. “I would imagine if this new process is going to be implemented for councils across Alberta, whenever the new council is taken in for training, that would be part of it.”

The new practices are anticipated to be more visible following the municipal election in October once new councils are introduced and trained.

County to issue utility refunds

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is refunding three utility accounts for overpayments made regarding water usage over the last several months.

The county’s vendor, Rocky View Utility Corporation, provides utility services within the various hamlets, and has been working with county staff to provide fixes to local utility accounts.

Resulting refunds are a result from an investigation of issues from the contractor. Corrective action, being the replacement of water use meters, has been taken to ensure accuracy for payments going forward, aiming to reduce these types of situations.

“Along with regular maintenance and upkeep of utility customers, staff and vendors have been working on the backlog of water meters that have not been able to be read,” said Cory Adamson, general manager of corporate and financial services.

“Once resolved, we gain a proper reading on the use and bringing the accounts up to date. During some recent work, we have had three accounts show their use below the estimates and have refund requirements higher than \$1,000.”

The county’s corporate policy states that any refunds which are over \$1,000 are to be brought before council.

The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to refund amounts less than \$1,000. Summaries of those amounts refunded which are greater than

\$250 are to be presented before county council as well, as per the corporate and financial services policy.

Total refund credits totalled \$6,100.47 towards three utility accounts. These consisted of two accounts located in Gleichen, each totalling over \$2,300, and one located in Speargrass, being \$1,385.72.

These accounts had originally been charged based on estimates of water use, as there was no ability for staff to take proper readings.

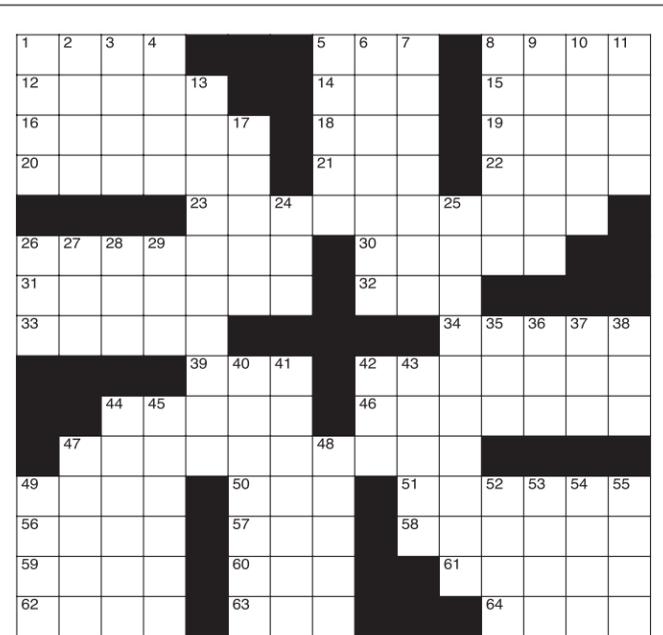
Once the meters were replaced, physical reads of the devices were able to be done and allowed administration to reconcile the difference in estimated versus actual volumes utilized.

Credits are calculated using the difference of volumes multiplied by current water/wastewater usage rates.

Regarding credit refunds, customers have the option to either be reimbursed directly, or have the designated amounts held on to their respective accounts to apply against future bills, pending council approval.

Adamson added the county is currently aware of approximately 50 water usage meters throughout the municipality which require replacing and are averaging service to between three and five meters per month.

A motion made by Coun. Scott Klassen to approve the refund of the overpayments was passed unanimously by council without debate.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. 50 percent
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charlize Theron flick “__ Flux”
- 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak
- 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing
- 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm
- 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and self-centered person
- 32. No seats available
- 33. Pouches
- 34. Hip joints
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Evading
- 44. Minute, one-celled unit
- 46. Losing one’s hair
- 47. A country in W Africa
- 49. One point north of northeast
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. Extreme
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Doctors’ group
- 58. Member of U.S. Navy
- 59. Mens’ fashion accessories
- 60. A way to allow
- 61. Gloomy
- 62. Grads wear one
- 63. Between south and southeast
- 64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Snakes do it
- 2. Hormone
- 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges
- 5. Electronic communication
- 6. Artilleries
- 7. “Strangers on a Train” actor Farley
- 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select
- 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new
- 27. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 28. Court case: __ v. Wade
- 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two
- 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage
- 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes
- 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 48. A way to lessen
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse
- 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat
- 55. Unit of measurement

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Town aims to better balance residential, non-residential tax base

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is aiming to establish a more balanced tax ratio between residential and non-residential properties.

A bylaw to amend the town's Municipal Development Plan (MDP) was passed during the June 18 regular meeting of council.

Glen Ferguson, senior planner with the Town of Strathmore, explained the amendment establishes two new policies in the MDP.

"The town's 2024 Q3 corporate quarterly report carried over support from previous quarterly reports for establishing a residential to non-residential tax assessment ratio target," he said. "The two policies [will] be added to the MDP in a very broad and general sense, aimed to enhance the town's financial sustainability, (and) it (will) reduce reliance on residential property assessments."

What Ferguson described as "spin-off" benefits to the town include stimulation of local economic development through job creation and investment which coincides with non-residential development.

The core of the amendment includes an added policy to encourage new development within new or existing area structure plans, striving to hit a 60:40 residential to non-residential assessment ratio.

It also includes a policy to target an overall municipal-wide ratio of 70:30 of total residential to non-residential development.

"I am really in favour of this because it is something that will really assist us in promoting the long-term economic

stability of the town and, for as long as I have lived in Strathmore and probably for as long as Strathmore has existed, the residential tax base has borne the majority of the burden in terms of our growth, our sustainability, the services we have had to provide," said Coun. Denise Peterson. "Being able to implement this change and bringing us hopefully from an 80:20 split in residential to non-residential to eventually a 70:30, is something that will create great opportunities in terms of long-term economic stability and it will offer predictability as well to future development in the community."

Mayor Pat Fule explained the Town of Strathmore has struggled in the last 15 years to attract

major industry and supported the amendment with hopes to see the local tax base improved and overall, more balanced.

"When I first got on council, it was explained to me by a veteran councillor that the Town of Strathmore had intentionally planned to ensure that the non-residential was quite a bit lower than the residential as a means of attracting industry," he said. "I do not know if that was all that successful ... I think it is an initiative that can go a long way to try to improve the tax assessment base."

A motion to pass the bylaw amending the municipal development plan was passed unanimously by council.

Childcare services not to be classed as discretionary use in Highway Commercial District

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Bakun explained the allowance of childcare as a discretionary use allows the town to maintain control and flexibility when reviewing proposals, apply site-specific conditions, and support options while balancing potential impacts.

She added childcare in Strathmore is in high demand, with factors such as staffing shortages and high rental costs limiting the ability of childcare centers to be able to expand or remain open.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid argued in favour of passing the amendment on the basis of reducing complications towards potential business owners.

"This council has been really focused on ensuring Strathmore is a business-friendly community, including finding ways to reduce red tape. Requiring council approval

for childcare services in commercial highway districts increases the cost and risk to potential business owners," said Langmaid. "A direct control application alone costs \$3,750, plus whatever consultant fees are needed to prepare that, and that is on top of the development permit fees that would come after that if that direct control district is approved by council."

This sentiment was echoed and supported by Coun. Denise Peterson, who stated she believed passing the bylaw amendment would both maintain community standards and zoning bylaws, while also supporting free market principles.

Coun. Brent Wiley and Mayor Pat Fule spoke in opposition to the bylaw amendment, stating traffic and parking being concerns regarding whether a childcare facility should be allowed in the vicinity of a highway.

"I think that the areas that we are talking about are designed for speed of traffic and traffic efficiencies," said Wiley. "Highways and service roads are engineered for high speeds, highways are stinky and loud; the recent event on May 28, with a weapon that appeared to be a gun being brandished towards children at one of these facilities shows us that there is an increase in exposure to transient populations, hitchhikers, and opportunistic offenders."

Mayor Fule echoed those thoughts. "I feel as a town councillor, I need to have a say in these areas of approval near the highway for childcare," said Fule. "I have full faith in our administration and our planning department, and I have always trusted them, and I know the difference between operations and governance. In this case where children are so important, I would not feel right delegating the decision to others."

Following the public hearing and council discussion, the proposed bylaw amendment did not receive second reading and was defeated in a vote of 4-3 against.

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Is it possible to confuse power and fame with simple significance?

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Canada Day BULL-A-RAMA

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Joe Lepage Photos



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Mario Prusina Photos

Alberta's new tax cut

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

As of July 1, 2025, hardworking Albertans are keeping more money in their pockets on every paycheque thanks to our new personal income tax cut and the introduction of a new tax bracket.

The new eight per cent tax bracket is now in effect, lowering the rate on the first \$60,000 of income from 10 per cent. This means individual Albertans will save up to \$750 this year, with two-income families saving as much as \$1,500.

At a time when many are feeling stretched by the rising cost of living, this tax cut provides real, meaningful relief.

We promised Albertans we would cut personal income taxes, and we delivered. This is not a rebate or a one-time payment. This is permanent tax relief that puts more money in the hands of the people who earned it. You will now have more freedom to spend, save, or invest however is best for your family.

Whether that extra money helps with groceries, sports, mortgages, rent, or saving for the future, one thing is clear - Albertans are better off when government takes less and trusts you to make the right decisions.

Albertans are proud to have some of the lowest taxes in Canada, with no PST, a low fuel tax, and competitive business taxes. With this new income tax cut, Alberta families

and businesses will pay at least \$20.1 billion less this year than they would under any other province's tax system.

Our government is proud to deliver on our commitment to affordability while carefully managing our province's finances and creating jobs. This tax cut is just another example of how Alberta is leading the way in economic growth and in respecting the workers who make it possible.

Alberta's government will keep standing up for Alberta families, our energy sector, and the values that define our province.

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Thanks to this disciplined approach, Alberta ended the 2024-25 fiscal year with its fourth consecutive surplus, totalling \$8.3 billion. The increase is due to higher-than-expected resource revenues, corporate and personal income tax revenue, and impressive investment income. In the face of rapidly changing economic conditions this year due to global trade challenges, the government will use the surplus to fortify Alberta's economic position, repay debt and save for the future.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere. Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities)

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

July 15, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
July 16, 2025 - August 11, 2025, Summer Recess
August 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Regular Council Meeting

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

The hearing will be held at the Wheatland County Council Chambers: 242006 Range Road 243 (East of Strathmore off Hwy 1) (mail: 242006 Rge Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4) on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**, commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the following:

SDAB File: DPA 2025-004
 Re: Refusal of Development Permit 2025-004 for an Abattoir
 Legal Description: SE 24-26-22W4; Plan 6197AW, Lot 107
 Permit Refused – June 10, 2025 - Municipal Planning Commission

At the hearing(s) the SDAB will hear from the appellant(s) and/or the agent; from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal; and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND whom the SDAB agrees to hear. Comments may be made verbally at the hearing, OR if you wish to present a written submission, you must have copies of the same to be distributed at the commencement of the hearing. Any submissions you make are collected under the authority of subsection 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes set out in sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act. Submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board's public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, contact the Wheatland County FOIP Coordinator at (403) 934-3321.

A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day **Tuesday, July 15, 2025**, regarding this matter; emails can be sent to sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

The complete file for this application may be inspected in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information regarding the appeal will be posted on the Wheatland County website for public to view prior to the Hearing date.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Van Haarlem at the Wheatland County Administration Office (403) 361-2000 or email sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

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Register to Vote!

YOUR COUNTY YOUR VOTE

New for 2025 – Wheatland County Voter Registration

As of 2025, Wheatland County is required to maintain a Permanent Electors Register under the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*.
 Voter information will be securely shared between Elections Alberta and Wheatland County, as outlined in the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) section 49*, to help verify voter identity during municipal elections.

- To vote, you must be registered. Voter cards will no longer be mailed—you'll confirm your eligibility by signing the elector register at the polls.
- Register, update, or check your info at voterlink.ab.ca before September 2025.

Updated Division Boundaries

YOUR COUNTY YOUR VOTE

New electoral division boundaries will be in effect for the upcoming 2025 Municipal Election.

Residents are encouraged to review the updated map and confirm their division before heading to the polls.

To view the new boundaries and learn more, visit:
wheatlandcounty.ca/2025-municipal-election



Standard fun

Standard was abuzz with community spirit on July 1 for Standard Days, which was postponed due to rain. The festivities began with a pancake breakfast and parade through town. The weather was spectacular as people lined the streets full of excitement as the summer kick off was about to begin. The day was filled with family friendly events such as the Youth Rodeo, a baseball skills competition and finishing with a beef on a bun dinner hosted by the Lions Club.

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Stampede Parade

There was some local flavour at the Calgary Stampede Parade on July 4 in downtown Calgary. Miss Strathmore Stampede 2024 Tenley Warburton and 2025 winner Alera Chernoff proudly rode and represented Strathmore during the event, while representatives and members of Siksika Nation rode in wagons to open the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.



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1st Annual Elks Mental Health Golf Tournament

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
Check in: 12 pm
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Tournament welcome and opportunity to speak at dinner reception	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
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Tournament banner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Logo on tournament	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
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Complimentary team of four	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary table of eight at the Mental Health Dinner in November	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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RCMP charge male after weapons complaint

ALBERTA RCMP

On July 7, Gleichen RCMP received a report of a male waving a knife at people on Main Street in Gleichen. RCMP located and arrested the male, who was in possession of a large kitchen knife.

Teddy Yellowfly (35), a resident of Siksika Nation, has been charged with the following: possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of a weapon while knowing its possession was prohibited, failing to comply with conditions of a probation order and failing to comply with conditions of a release order.

Yellowfly was held for a Judicial Interim Release hearing and was released on conditions to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Siksika on July 24.

Tragic accident on Alberta highway

ALBERTA RCMP

On July 5, at 5:43 p.m., Airdrie and Beiseker RCMP attended a report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 9, three kilometers south of Irricana. Upon arrival, the driver and sole occupant of a Ford Mustang, a 51-year-old male resident of Strathmore, was deceased. The driver of a Dodge 3500 truck, a 16-year-old female, and her three teenage passengers received non-life-threatening injuries.

RCMP remained on scene for several hours conducting an investigation. Although the investigation into the cause of the collision continues, initial reports indicate that the Dodge truck swerved into oncoming traffic and struck the Ford Mustang.

RCMP send their condolences to the friends and family of the deceased.

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Whether it’s grabbing a coffee, getting a haircut, or picking up a few groceries, every dollar spent locally helps build a stronger, more connected Strathmore.

“There’s a lot we can’t control in the world right now,” said Mayor Pat Fule. “But we can control where we spend our money. Those everyday small choices actually make a big difference.”

The updated campaign builds on the success of the “Even More Strathmore” initiative, first launched in 2020 to remind residents of the power of local support. This year’s campaign brings new energy to that message, encouraging all residents to get involved.

“These local branches, stores, franchises, and organizations employ our friends and neighbours. They remember your name, order your favourite product, and go the extra mile because they’re part of this community too,” said Angela Groeneveld, Senior Manager of Economic Stability & Investment. “Shopping local shows that Strathmore’s a great place to do business.

Supporting the people that already believe in our community sends a strong message that Strathmore is worth investing in.”

The Town’s Economic Development and Communications teams will be rolling out a series of social media posts, out-of-home ads, pop-up installations, and more throughout the summer and fall. In addition, the town is distributing free “Shop Local, Love Local” window decals at the Strathmore Municipal Building for businesses interested in displaying on-site.

So, whenever you can, shop local. It might sound cliché, but it really matters.



There’s a lot going on in the world right now. We can’t control all of it — but we can decide where we spend our money. Whether it’s a coffee, a haircut, or a quick grocery run, those everyday choices actually make a big difference.

When you shop local, you’re helping create jobs right here in Strathmore. Local businesses hire your neighbours, give young people a start, and put their

profits back into the same parks, programs, and community spaces we all use.

It also shows that Strathmore’s a great place to do business. Supporting the people that already believe in our community sends a strong message that Strathmore is worth investing in. That kind of support builds a stronger local economy and helps us bounce back faster when times get tough.



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Obituary



EVERETT,
Eleanor Louise
1937-2025

With sadness at her passing and hope in the resurrection with Christ our Lord we announce the passing of Eleanor Everett on July 3, 2025 at the Strathmore Hospital. Eleanor was born October 15, 1937 in Claresholm, Alberta to Fritz and Doris Johnson, growing up on the family farm east of the town. She married Ron Everett in 1960 and lived in various places throughout Alberta until returning to Claresholm in 1973 until 2022 when she moved to Strathmore to be closer to family. The two mainstays in Eleanor’s life were her family and her church, both grounded in her faith in Jesus Christ. Being a Wife, Mom, Grandma/Nana and Great-grandma was the delight of her life. The walls of the house and fridge door were crowded with pictures of family who she spoke about often and at length. Claresholm Pentecostal Assembly formed her church family. Over the decades she led the Girls’ Club (Missionettes), taught Sunday School, participated in the Women’s Mission Circle, played piano for Sunday services, was the first woman to sit on the church board, and a faithful member of the prayer chain. She is survived by Ron, her husband of 64 years; son Bradley (Manny), daughter Rhonda (Darryl); grandchildren Landen (Cheyenne), Jessica (Clayton), Devan, Christopher (Sarah), Maren, Bennett (Lauren), Abbey, Nathaniel, Heath and Stanley; great-grandchildren, Callum, Spencer, and Wesley. The family would like to thank Dr. Maria Muller and Dr. Ben Sader, the staff at the Strathmore Hospital and Sagewood for their care and kindness. Funeral services to be held at the Claresholm Pentecostal Assembly Thursday, July 10 at 1 p.m. in Claresholm, AB.

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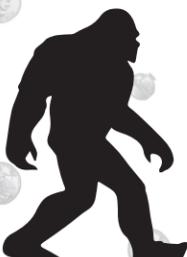
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Regular Meeting of Council
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Come Say Hi

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9 to 12 a.m.
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Strathmore Municipal Building

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Event	Date
Planting the Foundation to Mental Health	July 2, 2025
Paint, Connect, Reflect: A Relaxing Night for Mothers	July 11, 2025
Chalk Your Walk	July 24, 2025
Community Bingo	All month, August
International Day for World's Indigenous Peoples	August 9, 2025
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